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Tribal Activities Highlights Report July 01 – September 30, 2010

Overview: Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) covers three main service areas: behavioral health services including oversight of the Arizona State Hospital (ASH), public health services and medical facilities licensing. The Department employs a full time Native American Liaison.

Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS): DBHS provides Medicaid and state funded behavioral health services to eligible clients through managed care contracts with Regional and Tribal Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs/TRBHAs). The ASH provides psychiatric treatment for the most seriously mentally ill, civil, and forensic court ordered patients. Note: In an effort to streamline state government services and simplify program management the DBHS Children's Rehabilitative Services Program will be transferred to AHCCCS effective 1/01/11.

Project Results and Accomplishments: Facilitated working relationships between the RBHAs and the non-TRBHA tribes and urban Indian programs located within the RBHAs geographical service areas working in conjunction with the four RBHA Tribal Liaisons (key personnel required in RBHA contracts). Conducted three monthly coordinating meetings with the RBHA Tribal Liaisons and received monthly activity reports for July and August from the Tribal Liaisons. RBHA Tribal Liaisons conducted service delivery coordination meetings with each of the 17 non-TRBHA tribes. Conducted three Involuntary Commitment for Tribal Members training sessions to internal DBHS staff. Worked with RBHA Tribal Liaisons to schedule local training sessions. Updated ADHS webpage entitled "Tribal Processes for Involuntary Commitment Information Center". Drafted and sent for Public Comment the Court Ordered Evaluation/Court Ordered Treatment section with an appropriate American Indian inclusion in the DBHS Provider Manual. Monitored American Indian input into the Greater Arizona contract implementation processes. Continued to provide technical assistance to the San Carlos Apache Tribe (SCAT) Suicide Prevention Task Force. Initiated planning for AZ American Indian Behavioral Health Forum II scheduled for 2011. Involuntary Commitment Training Sessions tentatively scheduled at Fort Mohave and Havasupai in the Fall 2010.

Division of Public Health Services (DPHS): DPHS is comprised of two service lines, preparedness and prevention. Preparedness programs assist communities in planning for and responding to All Hazard Public Health emergencies. Prevention programs assist communities in enhancing the health and wellness of community members.

Project Results and Accomplishments (Preparedness): Conducted a Level IV Trauma Designation Site Survey at the Chinle IHS Comprehensive Healthcare Facility on 9/09/10. Presented an overview of the ADHS Cancer Registry and an update on the data linkages with the Navajo and Hopi Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Programs (BCCEDP) at the *Arizona Retreat for Enhancing Tribal BCCEDP Collaborations* held on 8/18/10. Thirteen of fifteen contracted tribes participated in the Public Health Emergency Planning grant from the CDC and participated in an annual Training and Exercise Workshop held in August. Renewed a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator contract with the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe. Worked with the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) to help them participate in the coming year Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant. Conducted 286 laboratory tests for tribal/IHS hospitals and clinics. The testing involved human general bacteriology, seriology, TB, virology, and animal rabies. Follow up activities were conducted with the SCAT for an infectious TB case identified in June 2010. CDC Division of TB Elimination awarded TB Control supplemental funds to the existing state cooperative agreement. Plans are to award these funds to the SCAT to make available a TB Control Community Health Representative in the community. Provided technical assistance to Sells

IHS Hospital staff concerning two culture positive pertussis cases they had in two hospitalized infants. Gave a clinical presentation on pertussis via IInC on 9/3/10 and sent two epidemiologists to help organize the public health response at the IHS facilities. The Medical Electronic Disease Surveillance Intelligence System (MEDSIS) program continued working with tribes and healthcare facilities on tribal lands to increase access to and use of MEDSIS. The Gila River Indian Community and Navajo Nation expressed interest in becoming involved joining the SCAT whom already is involved in this on-line computer system.

Project Results and Accomplishments (Prevention): Completed five tobacco prevention surveys for tribal communities. Continued providing assistance in the development of a comprehensive cancer prevention and control plan for the Tohono O'odham Nation. Presented the final draft of a CDC funded video highlighting the partnership between the ADHS HealthCheck Program and Tribal partners at the "Arizona Retreat for Enhancing Tribal Cancer Collaborations" which was held in Prescott on 8/18-19/10. Conducted meetings with the Native Americans for Community Action (Flagstaff Urban Indian Health Program) to discuss technical assistance needs in area of Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and FQHC Look-alike designation. Conducted meetings with the Navajo, Phoenix, and Tucson IHS Area Offices to discuss continued collaboration for enhancing primary care services. Continued engagement with ITCA and the Phoenix Area IHS to discuss development and seeding of additional teledentistry site. Provided injury prevention technical assistance with a car seat event on 9/13/10 in San Carlos. Continued contractual relations with ITCA and the Navajo Nation on Teen Pregnancy Prevention. ITCA entered into a new MOU with the Hopi Tribe to provide Teen Pregnancy Prevention Services; they join San Lucy, Fort McDowell, and CRIT. Continued contractual relationships with ADABI (Navajo Nation contractor) to provide Family Violence Prevention Services. Continued contractual relationship with Native Health to provide Health Start Program and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Screening and Brief Intervention services. Finalized health professional shortage designation (HPSAs) scores for IHS facilities and tribal populations in Arizona. Initiated planning for the next annual Arizona American Indian Primary Care Workshop with collaborating partners to be held in 2011. Continued the development of Arizona health disparities data profiles for Indian reservations to enhance existing or planned tribal activities to develop a *Healthy People 2020* framework. The major health disparity areas for the American Indians in Arizona were access to health care, teenage pregnancy, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, cervical cancer, asthma, homicide, infant mortality, unintentional injury, infectious and sexually-transmitted diseases, physical inactivity and quality of care.

Division of Licensing Services (DLS): This division provides licensing regulation and oversight for behavioral health, child care, long term care, and medical facilities.

Project Results and Accomplishments: One courtesy compliance survey was conducted on the St. Lucy District of the Tohono O'odham Nation for an outpatient behavioral health clinic. A joint meeting with AHCCCS personnel was held on 8/25/10 to discuss CMS potential policy statement on the CMS Wavier process for non-tribal/638 facilities located on tribal lands.

Native American Liaison: The Native American Liaison reports directly to the ADHS Director. This position coordinates ADHS programs and services with the Arizona Native American health care community.

Project Results and Accomplishments: Coordinated a visit to ADHS by the Navajo Nation Epid Center staff on 7/26-27/10. Attended the Arizona Rural Health Conference and provided a joint presentation on the statewide Arizona American Indian Behavioral Health Forum on 8/02/10. Coordinated a quarterly ADHS-IHS Directors meeting on 9/03/10. Attended the National Indian Health Board Conference and provided a joint presentation on Arizona's working relationship with Arizona tribes on 9/21/10. Coordinated planning meetings for an Arizona American Indian Oral Health Summit planned for April 2011.